



REMARKS

The Examiner noted that the Preliminary Amendment filed April 19, 1999 included two claims numbered 28. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his attention to this point, and by Amendment herein confirms the renumbering of the second claim numbered 28 as claim 29 and the renumbering of submitted claims 29-31 as 30-32, respectively.

This Amendment is being filed within the fourth month following the shortened statutory period for response and, accordingly, it is accompanied by a petition for four months' extension of time together with a fee or fee authorization therefor. In the unlikely event the petition or fee may become separated from this paper, or in the event the Examiner determines that an additional extension of time or fee[s] may be required in connection with the filing of this paper, petition is hereby made therefor, and the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee[s], or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0384 (Order KKF1P005).

If the Examiner believes that a conference would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative, undersigned, at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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